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Senate Bills

SB 5990 by Senators Fairley, Spanel, B. Sheldon and Zarelli; by request of Office of Financial Management

Issuing general obligation bonds.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 6/08/01)

Provides that, for the purpose of providing funds to finance the projects described and authorized by the legislature in the capital and operating appropriation acts for the 2001-2003 fiscal biennium, and all costs incidental thereto, the state finance committee is authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of nine hundred thirty-eight million dollars, or as much thereof as may be required, to finance these projects and all costs incidental thereto.

Provides that, for the purpose of providing funds for the planning, design, construction, and other necessary costs for replacing the waterproof membrane over the east plaza garage and revising related landscaping, the state finance committee is authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of sixteen million dollars, or as much thereof as may be required, to finance this project and all costs incidental thereto.

Finds that it is necessary to complete the rehabilitation of the state legislative building, to extend the useful life of the building, and provide for the permanent relocation of offices displaced by the rehabilitation and create new space for public uses.

Provides that, for the purpose of providing funds for the planning, design, construction, and other necessary costs for the rehabilitation of the state legislative building, the state finance committee is authorized to issue general obligation bonds of the state of Washington in the sum of eighty-two million five hundred ten thousand dollars or as much thereof as may be required to finance the rehabilitation and improvements to the legislative building and all costs incidental thereto. The approved rehabilitation plan includes costs associated with earthquake repairs and future earthquake mitigation and allows for associated relocation costs and the acquisition of appropriate relocation space.

-- 2001 REGULAR SESSION --

Feb 12 First reading, referred to Ways & Means.
Mar 30 WM - Majority; do pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 47; nays, 0; absent, 2.

- IN THE HOUSE -

Apr 2 First reading, referred to Capital Budget.
Apr 22 By resolution, returned to Senate Rules Committee for third reading.

-- 2001 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

- IN THE SENATE -

Apr 25 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.

-- 2001 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 7 Placed on third reading by Rules Committee.
Jun 8 Rules suspended.
Returned to second reading for amendment.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 42; nays, 3; absent, 4.

SB 6153-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senator Brown)

Making 2001-03 operating appropriations.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 6/08/01)

Provides for 2001-03 operating appropriations.

-- 2001 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 7 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Rules suspended.
Placed on second reading.
Jun 8 1st substitute bill substituted.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Rules suspended.
Returned to second reading for amendment.
Senator Snyder having voted on the prevailing side moved to immediately reconsider Amendment number 435.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 28; nays, 15; absent, 6.

SB 6166-S by Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Brown, Snyder, Long, Fraser, Rossi, Constantine, Spanel, B. Sheldon and Carlson)

Restating plan 1 of the law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system.

(AS OF SENATE 2ND READING 6/08/01)

Finds that plan 1 of the Washington law enforcement officers' and fire fighters' retirement system (LEOFF plan 1) has been closed to new members for nearly a quarter of a century. During that time, LEOFF plan 1 has achieved full funding and has assets which exceed all projected future liabilities and has a surplus approaching one billion dollars. In recognition of the contributions of working fire fighters and police officers to LEOFF plan 1, it is the purpose of this act, in part, to provide for an enhanced retirement benefit to LEOFF plan 1 members.

Declares that LEOFF plan 1 also provides substantial postretirement health and long-term care benefits. The financial burden of this benefit, which is an integral part of LEOFF plan 1, falls exclusively on the cities, counties, and fire districts that employed the retired fire fighters and police officers. In recognition of the fiscal burdens facing these political subdivisions, it is appropriate to provide an additional source of funding to ensure the integrity of the benefit without undermining the financial stability of the employing governments.

Finds that the supreme court of the state of Washington, in the 1956 decision *Bakenhus v. City of Seattle*, established that the fire fighters and police officers, active and retired, have a constitutionally protected contractual right to a secure retirement benefit, funded on a sound actuarial basis. While members have a constitutionally protected right to the pension benefits that are provided as part of their contract of employment, there is no such right in surplus assets which are unnecessary to the actuarial soundness of the retirement plan.

Recognizes that the state of Washington is the ultimate guarantor of the LEOFF plan 1 retirement benefits.

Declares that the state retains the inherent power to terminate a retirement plan and, upon the dedication of sufficient resources to ensure the actuarial soundness of the benefits promised, is entitled to a reversion of the surplus assets upon termination of the plan.

Finds that, in order to accomplish the foregoing goals and objectives, it is in the best interest of the members and beneficiaries of LEOFF plan 1 that the plan be terminated and that a restated retirement plan with enhanced benefits be created. It is further determined to be in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the state that surplus assets remaining after adequate actuarial provision for the obligated retirement benefits revert to the state and be allocated for the purposes outlined in this chapter.

Declares an intent that the LEOFF plan 1 termination be performed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the federal internal revenue code and in recognition of the contract rights of the members and beneficiaries of the plan to an actuarially sound retirement program.

Reserves the right to make such amendments and modifications as may be necessary in the future to accomplish the goals of this section, without any diminution of the rights and benefits of the beneficiaries as they existed prior to December 1, 2001.

Repeals provisions of chapter 41.26 RCW.

-- 2001 REGULAR SESSION --

Mar 30 WM - Majority; 1st substitute bill be substituted, do pass.
Minority; do not pass.
Passed to Rules Committee for second reading.
Placed on second reading by Rules Committee.
1st substitute bill substituted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 42; nays, 5; absent, 2.

- IN THE HOUSE -

Apr 2 First reading, referred to Appropriations.
Apr 22 By resolution, returned to Senate Rules Committee for third reading.

-- 2001 1ST SPECIAL SESSION --

- IN THE SENATE -

Apr 25 By resolution, reintroduced and retained in present status.
May 16 Placed on third reading by Rules Committee.
Rules suspended.
Returned to second reading for amendment.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 39; nays, 8; absent, 2.

- IN THE HOUSE -

May 24 By resolution, returned to Senate Rules Committee for third reading.

-- 2001 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

- IN THE SENATE -

Jun 7 Placed on third reading by Rules Committee.
Jun 8 Rules suspended.
Returned to second reading for amendment.
Floor amendment(s) adopted.
Rules suspended. Placed on Third Reading.
Third reading, passed: yeas, 33; nays, 10; absent, 6.

SB 6202 by Senator Roach

Authorizing a pilot program on state route 520.

Declares that, as a pilot program, the department of transportation shall authorize the use of shoulder lanes as general purpose lanes, open to passenger cars, on state route 520 between the hours of seven o'clock a.m. and nine

o'clock a.m., and between the hours of four o'clock p.m. and seven o'clock p.m. The department of transportation shall report to the legislature on the effects on traffic flow of opening these shoulder lanes no later than June 30, 2002.

-- 2001 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 11 First reading, referred to Transportation.

Senate Joint Resolutions

SJR 8218 by Senators Kohl-Welles, Patterson,
Snyder, McCaslin, Finkbeiner, Jacobsen
and Fraser

Providing for election of state representatives from single districts.

Provides for election of state representatives from single districts.

-- 2001 2ND SPECIAL SESSION --

Jun 11 First reading, referred to State & Local
Government.

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